REPORT

OF THE

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR

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Appendix N.

REPORT ON THE BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1925. HONGKONG.

General Remarks.

With the exception of the fourth quarter when only 5.24 inches of rain fell the weather was generally favourable to both gardening and forestry operations; only a very small number of flowering trees in outlying district died owing to the slight drought experienced.

The total rainfall for the year was 95.28 inches as against 105.51 inches in 1924. Particulars of rainfall are given in Table I.

Typhoon signals were hoisted six times during the year and the usual precautions were taken on each occasion to prevent damage to pot plants and plant houses in the Gardens; fortunately no bad storms were experienced and the damage was very slight.

Gardens, Parks and Grounds.

Botanic Gardens.—A portion of the large bank above the Palm Plot in the New Garden was cleared of undergrowth and a number of large wild trees removed, the cleared area was then sloped, turfed and is now available for further planting of flowering shrubs.

A further area below the Pot Nursery which had been left untouched since the formation of the New Garden was cleared of undergrowth, the slope levelled and a large terrace formed, the major portion of this area was planted with flowering annuals and herbaceous plants. Two fine specimens of Lung Ngan (*Nephelium Longana*) which have stood on this ground for the past 45 years were not disturbed.

The largest bed in the New Garden was emptied, reshaped, relevelled and put into good order generally, the stock of flowering shrubs and trees was then replanted.

The Agave bed in the Old Garden was entirely rearranged and thinned out; the stone kerb bounding this bed was reset, this has much improved the appearance of the lower terrace.

Two trees of *Spathodea nilotica* flowered well for the second time; these trees were raised from seed brought from East Africa and presented by Lady Lugard in 1910.

The whole stock of Mauritius Palm (*Chrysalidocarpus lutescens*) and other foliage plants in the plant houses were repotted as required.

Very large numbers of seedlings and young plants from cuttings or layers were raised in the Pot Nursery for stock and sale purposes.

The total number of trees, shrubs and other plants sold during the year was 1,475, of these 909 were the ordinary Maiden-hair Ferns.

A number of old paths and channels of different materials in both gardens were broken up and relaid with cement granite, this has very much improved the appearance and storm water is now carried away by the enlarged channels where formerly it washed over and damaged lawns and beds. The granite steps at the Albany entrance were lifted and relaid.

Grass caterpillars were not numerous during the year and the damage done by them was slight.

Cases of damage to plants and petty thefts were unfortunately numerous, a number of schoolboys detained for petty theft were suitably punished by their parents; 9 adults were charged and dealt with at the Police Court, in one case a fine of $50 was inflicted.

Government House Grounds.—Undergrowth on the north side of the grounds was closely cut several times during the year.

All grass banks, trees, shrubs and flower beds were given such attention as they required.

Lawns were regularly top-dressed and kept in good order generally; earthworms and grass caterpillars were dealt with in the usual manner.

The interior of the house was decorated with palms and flowering plants on June 3rd the Birthday of His Majesty the King and on January 9th and 30th.

Mountain Lodge Grounds —Trees, shrubs and grass banks were given such attention as they required.

Undergrowth in the valley was closely cut twice during the year.

Grass lawns were kept in good order generally.

The red Azaleas (*Rhododendron indicum*) and *Hydrangea hortensia* made a fine show of colour during the spring and summer months.

Blake Garden.—The small number of flowering shrubs and grass plots which remain were kept in good order up to the month of July.

On July 17th the falling debris from a number of houses which collapsed in Po Hing Fong, broke down the fences on the upper side of the garden and buried a number of shrubs and grass plots; the remainder of the debris amounting to some hundreds of tons when dealt with by the Public Works Department was dumped in the garden which is the only open space adjoining the scene of the collapse.

The garden has been closed to the public until further notice.

West End Park.—Undergrowth was regularly cleared and the Agave hedges repaired as required.

Camphor trees were treated with insecticide to prevent damage by white ants. The lower portion of the Park is still on lease to the Principal of St. Stephen's Girls' College for use by the scholars as a playground.

King's Park, Kowloon.—Trees inside the boundaries of the park were given such attention as they required.

All ground inside the park which could be so treated was levelled and turfed by the Public Works Department and has been allotted to various clubs as bowling greens, tennis courts and football grounds.

Civil Hospital Grounds.—Large numbers of seedling annuals were supplied from the Botanic Gardens and raised for use in pots and beds in various parts of the grounds.

All lawns were kept in good order generally throughout the year; Blue Grass plots were repaired as required.

Grass plots, bamboo hedges and creepers on walls in the Lunatic Asylum were kept in good order.

Colonial Cemetery.—A number of old plots filled with old and worn-out shrubs were cleared, the old shrubs disposed of and the areas levelled and turfed, this has much improved the general appearance of the cemetery.

All turfed areas were regularly cut and kept in good order; a number of new graves were turfed.

Owing to the choking of the nullah which runs through the cemetery a large area of turf and flower beds was flooded and left buried under several feet of sand during the month of June.

Senior Officers' Quarters, Leighton Hill.—Tennis courts were kept in good order generally throughout the year.

Undergrowth on large banks was cleared several times during the year.

Indian School Grounds, Sukunpo.—Trees and shrubs were regularly pruned and given such attention as they required.

The lawns on either side of the school buildings were regularly cut, weeded and rolled.

Subordinate Officers' Quarters, Breezy Point.—The remaining turfed areas were regularly cut and weeded throughout the year.

Volunteer Headquarters.—Large trees adjoining the buildings were pruned and undergrowth on banks cleared.

The Privet hedge was pruned and the turfed parade ground regularly cut and weeded.

St. John's Cathedral Compound.—Rockeries were kept clear of undergrowth and small numbers of evergreen plants added.

Blue Grass on the flat space at the base of the Memorial Cross was replanted.

Plants in the rockery between Murray Parade Ground and the compound were again very badly damaged by crowds of people who assembled there; no further planting on this particular area will be undertaken until the Church Body have taken action as regards the erection of a fence.

Helena May Institute.—The grounds were kept in good order generally throughout the year. Flowering shrubs were pruned and the lawns regularly cut and weeded. A small fee is paid annually by the Institute in respect of this work.

Statue Square.—The grass plots were regularly machined, weeded and rolled. Flowering trees and shrubs were pruned and the corner flower beds restocked as required.

The Cricket Ground.—The playing pitch had been under the care of this Department since it was entirely reconstructed in 1913, the cost of all upkeep being borne by the Hongkong Cricket Club.

During the month of June the pitch was entirely taken over by the Club's groundsman.

Victoria Hospital Grounds.—The two tennis lawns, grass banks and pot plants were given such attention as they required.

Senior Officers' Quarters, Homestead Site.—All grass banks were kept free of weeds and undergrowth throughout the year; lawns of all houses temporarily unoccupied were machined and rolled.

Palms and flowering shrubs to the number of 302 and made up of the following—Hibiscus, Allamandas, Hydrangeas, Gardenias and Livistona were planted on grass banks adjoining the houses.

Government Pavilions and Villas.—Grass plots at both places were cut, rolled, weeded and kept in good order generally; flowering shrubs were given such attention as they required.

Royal Observatory Grounds.—Stocks of seedling annuals were raised for use in beds and pots in various parts of the ground.

The whole grounds were cleared of undergrowth and grass lawns cut, rolled and kept in good order generally.

Children's Playground, Kowloon.—The grass was regularly cut and weeded throughout the year.

Kowloon Magistracy Grounds.—Flowering shrubs were given such attention as they required and grass plots were regularly cut.

Herbarium.

Plant specimens collected in Hainan to the number of 228 received from Canton Christian College and 139 received from the Arnold Arboretum were received and mounted during the year.

A large number of specimens of the local flora were collected in Hongkong and the New Territories and added to the present collections to supplement those species which are represented by only very old and in some cases incomplete dried specimens.

Specimens of plants of economic value and vegetable drugs were identified and named for local collectors, also for collectors and institutions outside the Colony.

The library books were regularly inspected and repoisoned; a small number was purchased and added to the library.

Forestry.

A motor lorry maintained by the Public Works Department was allotted to this Department as from January 1st; this lorry has proved to be of great value for general forestry operations, particularly in dealing with roadside trees and plantation work in outlying districts, the rapid transport of Forest Guards and the recovery of illicitly felled timber.

The hard pruning of many of the large roadside trees which are growing in the vicinity of telephone and light wires was continued throughout the year.

Formation of Pine Tree Plantations.—Seeds of *Pinus Massoniana* were sown *in situ* at the following places, Red Hill, Stanley 20,000, on hills above Shek O Road 50,000, on hills at Taipo Forestry Reserve 146,500, the total weight of seeds used was one hundred and fifty-five pounds.

The establishment of plantations of *Pinus Massoniana* was continued by means of broadcast seed sowing at the following places, on low hills and grass banks above and below Shek O, Taipo, Castle Peak-Cheung Sha Wan and Conduit Roads, between Victoria Gap and Pokfulum, Wanchai Gap, below Matilda Hospital and public roads on Cheung Chau Island.

Broad-leaved trees planted.—On December 5th the day on which a reception was given at Taipo Market to His Excellency the Governor by the New Territory Elders, two trees of *Poinciana regia* were planted in the open space at Taipo Market, one by His Excellency the Governor and one by Lady Clementi.

On the remaining low hills at Tai Wo Po, one year old Camphors to the number of 4,708 were planted.

On roadsides in Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories shade and flowering trees to the number of 2,594 were planted; the following were the trees used, *Bauhinia variegata* 50, *Aleurites montana* 2,119 and *Cinnamomum Camphora* 425.

On Cheung Chau Island 3,000 one year old Camphors were planted among the five year old trees of *Pinus Massoniana*.

Miscellaneous Planting.—In Stanley Military Cemetery shade and flowering trees and flowering shrubs to the number of 104 were planted and kept in good order; the winds experienced at this spot are very strong and trees and shrubs are still making very slow progress in spite of the frequent attention which they receive.

In rockeries and on banks throughout the Colony flowering shrubs and Palms to the number of 302 were planted.

Roadside rockeries and waste spaces under the care of the Department were regularly visited and kept in good order; large areas of Blue Grass (*Ophiopogon japonicum*) were taken up and renewed.

On earth cuttings in various parts of the Colony 116 *Ficus repens* were planted.

Flowering shade trees on the site of proposed sports grounds at King's Park were removed to and replanted at Sung Wong Toi.

Trees Felled.—At the commencement of the strike a stock of timber was collected from Stanley and Tytam and stored at the Public Works Department Depot at Wanchai for use in case of emergency; the total amount collected was approximately 500 tons and this necessitated the felling of over 2,000 of the largest Pine trees on the Island.

A large number of Pines and native trees were removed from the Shek Li Pui reservoir basin area.

Undergrowth Clearing.—With the exception of a few weeks following the commencement of the strike, anti-malarial undergrowth clearing was again carried on throughout the whole year, the total area dealt with being 5,722,200 square feet; in connection with surveys, carried on by the Public Works Department an area of 1,578,330 square feet was cleared.

The anti-malarial undergrowth clearing has now been extended to all New Territory Police Stations, the District Office, Taipo, the Island Quarters and private residences in Taipo district.

Lantana and Privet Destruction.—This work was carried on throughout the year and it is hoped that in time the latter plant will be eradicated from Crown Land on the upper levels where it at present flourishes.

Care of Trees in Plantations.—Thick undergrowth was removed from the vicinity of young trees. Large numbers of creepers which were damaging Pines were cut and clumps of Loranthus removed.

The number of Camphors attacked by white ants was small and such trees were at once treated with Carbolineum.

Pine tree caterpillars, were, most fortunately, experienced in very small numbers only, the total collected and destroyed amounted to 42 pounds only as against 20,666.6 pounds in 1924.

An area of Government Pine plantation above the Taipo Road near Kang Hau was allotted on licence to the villagers of Hin Tin, which is now occupied by the late residents of Shek Li Pui; a new fire barrier 30 feet in breadth is being formed round the licenced area and will serve the double purpose of a boundary mark and prevent the spread of fires which are so frequently caused by grass-cutters, in their own areas.

Protection from Fire.—Two new fire barriers were made during the year, one at Taipo Forestry Reserve 1,450 feet in length and another in the vicinity of the Wireless Station at Cape D'Aguilar 3,852 feet in length.

Old barriers were cleared before the commencement of the dry season, the total lengths dealt with amounted to $22\frac{3}{4}$ miles in the New Territories and 15 miles in Hongkong.

Hill fires were numerous and serious during the year, the total number dealt with being 68 as against 18 during the previous year, of these 11 occurred during the first quarter, 4 in the second, 3 in the third, and 50 in the fourth.

On April 5th the day of the Tsing Ming Festival, no fires were reported, this most fortunate state of affairs being almost entirely due to the rain which fell on the preceding day.

On October 10th the day of the Chung Yeung Festival 21 fires broke out in or very closely adjoining Pine plantations, all the fires originated from crackers being fired and sacrificial papers burned in the vicinity of solitary hillside graves or in cemeteries.

At Tai Hau Wan Cemetery ten fires were in progress at the same time.

The most serious fire occurred in the newly formed Pine plantations above the Shek O Road where not less than 10,000 young trees were totally destroyed.

The thanks of the Department are due to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the loan of watchmen on both festival days, also to the Captain Superintendent of Police and Police Officers in charge of outlying stations for promptly reporting and dealing with fires during both day and night.

Forest Guards Service.—Forestry offences were more numerous than usual owing to the general strike and the resulting high prices of imported firewood, during the early days of the strike raids were made by night and day by organised gangs of timber thieves who did serious damage to plantations and were able to find an immediate sale for stolen firewood.

A squad of Forest Guards in a motor lorry was employed to deal with the nuisance and this method was successful in Hongkong, more difficulty was experienced in dealing with the damage in outlying districts away from main roads and where plantations closely adjoin the sea.

The total number of persons arrested and charged during the year was 433 as compared with 449 in 1924 and 406 in 1923, of these 376 were fined or imprisoned, 23 cautioned, 7 received strokes with a light rattan cane, 22 had their bail estreated and 5 were discharged.

Further particulars of these cases are given in Tables II and III.

Sections of the Larceny Ordinance were amended and now empower a Magistrate to inflict a maximum penalty of a fine of $250 with the alternative of six months imprisonment for cutting, damaging or being in unlawful possession of trees; the heavier penalties have in many cases acted as a deterrent in cases where the offenders are villagers of long residence, but there is still the problem of the so-called unemployed casual labourer who on the majority of days during the year prefers to steal and sell timber in preference to seeking work; this class of man is most difficult to deal with, chiefly owing to the fact that the temporary inconvenience of a term of imprisonment is not regarded by him as a punishment.

A total sum of $500 was paid as compensation by contractors responsible for damage done to plantations, roadside trees and turf.

Frequent night patrols were carried out by the Supervisor and Forest Guards, many arrests were made, large quantities of timber recovered and many raiders intercepted and driven out of plantations.

Thefts of timber on very dark nights are now very frequent, chiefly as a result of the high prices of firewood and increased lawlessness in the more thickly populated districts; formerly the only night thefts were carried on during the brightest of moonlight nights.

Cases of theft of and damage to plants of the Chinese New Year Flower (*Enkianthus quinqueflorus*) were again very numerous in Hongkong and the New Territories, for 3 weeks prior to the date of Chinese New Year a close watch was maintained on long distance ferry launches, Yaumati Railway Station and many of the main roads leading from districts where the shrub grows freely; large quantities of the flower were seized and a number of persons charged and convicted.

Forestry Service Paths.—All paths which required such treatment were cleared of undergrowth, a number were resurfaced and repaired generally.

Forestry Licences, New Territories.—Fees collected during the year amounted to $4,307.51 as against $3,365.31 in 1924.

Nurseries, Agriculture Etc.

Fan Ling Experimental Garden.—A large portion of this garden is now used as a nursery for raising young trees which are used for extension of planting at the sides of New Territory roads.

A crop of *Perilla ocymoides* was grown and the seed when gathered was forwarded to the Imperial Institute for analysis in order to determine the quantity of oil present.

Ground Nuts produced a fair crop but owing to heavy rains a large proportion of the nuts was spoiled by a fungoid disease; experiments have shown that the land in the New Territories will produce a much heavier crop if closer planting is carried out and seed not obtained locally, is used.

The Smooth Cayenne Pineapple plants which were obtained from Honolulu continue to grow well and produce a heavy fruit of excellent quality; a large number of shoots for propagating purposes were distributed locally.

A large number of seeds of a superior Papaya were also distributed locally, the growing of this fruit is being taken up more readily than any other which the Department has tried to introduce, very probably because of the quick results obtained and the low cost of cultivation.

A row of Water Pine (*Glyptostrobus heterophyllus*) was planted as a wind-break round two sides of the garden which are not protected by a bamboo hedge.

Frost was reported in the Fan Ling district on December 25th and 26th, the crops of Pineapple, Papaya and Sweet Potato were badly damaged by the sudden drop in temperature on the dates mentioned.

Little Hongkong Nursery.—The whole of the nursery was occupied by young trees of *Cinnamomum Camphora*, which will be planted in the adjoining valley where the thick forest composed very largely of indigenous trees of low value, formerly stood.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining baskets, which are imported from Canton district, the 7,000 young trees could not be lifted and basketed during December.

A small hill at the west end of the nursery was cut away and the soil dumped to form fresh nursery ground in addition to the area where the hill had formerly stood.

Kowloon Tsai Nurseries.—One year old trees of *Cinnamomum Camphora* were raised for use in completing the plantation at Tai Wo Po.

Many thousands of shade and flowering trees were raised from seed in readness for use in Hongkong and Kowloon.

Taipo Forestry Reserve.—This large area of ground which contains many native trees, shrubs and flowers which are so seldom to be seen at their best owing to wanton destruction by thoughtless persons, was placed under this Department at the beginning of the year.

It is proposed in due course to fill the whole area with plantations of trees suitable for fuel which could be made use of in case of emergency, also to lay out experimental plantations of trees of economic value. In addition to this the native flowers, which in other parts of the Colony are in danger of being exterminated, will be preserved and as far as possible grouped within view of the service path which has been made over the whole length of the reserve.

Two of the flowers which are at present growing freely in the reserve are *Lilium Brownii* and *Phaius grandifolius*, the Nun Orchid, the former is found on the low hills and the latter in the wet ravines.

A large nursery has been formed on the site of old Padi-land and young trees have been raised in readiness for formation of plantations.

The following trees will be dealt with first, *Aleurites montana*, *Artocarpus integrifolia*, *Sterculia lanceolata*, *Cinnamomum Camphora* and *Ginkgo biloba*.

The water supply is adequate and tanks in the tree nursery have been formed; owing to the fact that the whole area is a catchment for the Taipo water supply, no animal manures may be used and the only fertilizers available are vegetable refuse and grass which is piled on the nursery beds to a depth of three feet and then burned. Results so far have been excellent.

Inspection of Nursery Stock.—The usual large consignments of *Narcissus Tazetta* bulbs for shipment to the United States of America, Honolulu and Canada arrived in the Colony from Amoy between the months of July and October.

Each consignment as it arrived was examined either on board ship or in godown, for signs of insect pests or fungoid diseases, after which the necessary certificates were issued.

The total number of bulbs dealt with amounted to 1,450,660 packed in 11,976 cases or bales.

The bulbs were cleaner than in previous years and no consignments were detained for reconditioning.

Seed Collection.

Seeds of the following were collected locally for departmental use and for exchange. *Poinciana regia* 11 pounds, *Casuarina equisetifolia* 13 pounds, *Sterculia lanceolata* 16 pounds, *Melaleuca Leucadendron* 7 pounds, *Cinnamomum Camphora* 214 pounds, *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa* 15 pounds, *Tristania conferta* 12 pounds, *Celtis sinensis* 5 pounds and *Albizzia Lebbek* 5 pounds.

One thousand pounds of seed of *Pinus Massoniana* were purchased from Pok Lo district, the seeds from this district are of good quality and the required quantity can be procured at much lower cost than by collection in the Colony.

Exchange of Seeds &c.

The Department is indebted to the following donors of seeds, plants &c:—Professors Giacomo Cecconi, Italy; H. H. Chung, Amoy; Curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden, Darjeeling; Director, Botanic Gardens, Singapore; Superintendent, Melbourne Botanic Gardens, Australia; Dr. P. J. S. Cramer (Java); Dr. C. S. Sargent (U.S.A.); Messrs. M.P. Talati; Li Shu Nung (Canton); D. J. Fullaway (Honolulu); Wilson Popenoe (Washington); William Dixson (Sydney); W. Morley (Local); Mrs. Charles A. Nelson (Canton) and the Mow Fong Garden.

The following were the principal recipients:—Directors, Imperial Institute, London; Horticultural Section (Mudiriya), Egypt; Superintendent, Melbourne Botanic Gardens, Australia; Professor Giacomo Cecconi, Italy; Director of Gardens, Straits Settlements, Dr. S. C. Harland (Trinidad); Senor Matheus d' Andrade (Azores); Dr. P. J. S. Cramer (Java); Dr. Joseph Beech; Messrs. H. W. Foster (East Africa); H. Humphreys; G. Koidzumi (Japan); W. J. Kerr (New Territories); Wu Shun (New Territories); William Dixson (Sydney); Dr. Lubatti; Dr. F. Kew; Headmistress, Ying Wa School; Sir Paul Chater; Mr. H. Westlake; Hongkong Golf Club, the Mow Fong Garden and the Police Department.

Revenue and Expenditure.

A statement of the Revenue collected by the Department and comparison of Revenue and Expenditure are given in Tables IV and V.

Staff.

The services of Mr. F. L. Squibbs the Assistant Superintendent were dispensed with on ground of economy as from October 17th.

Mr. G. B. Twemlow the Supervisor proceeded to the Philippine Islands on April 20th to undergo a course of training at the School of Forestry at Los Banos.

Mr. Yik Kung Ting the Assistant Head Gardener left on September 15th and the post was not filled before the end of the year.

Forest Guard Wong Fat died in the Government Civil Hospital on February 14th after 15 years of very satisfactory service.

H. Green,
Superintendent.

9th July, 1926.

Table I.

RAINFALL 1925
Botanic Gardens

Date	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch
1, ...	—	—	—	3.04	—	—	.07	—	.01	2.89	—	—
2, ...	—	—	—	.06	.01	.12	.08	.10	—	—	—	—
3, ...	.37	—	—	.22	—	1.95	.18	.07	—	.07	—	—
4, ...	.01	—	—	1.82	—	—	.01	.94	—	.10	—	—
5, ...	.10	—	—	.40	.01	—	.04	—	—	.54	—	—
6, ...	.01	—	—	.02	.07	—	—	.05	—	—	—	—
7, ...	—	—	—	.18	—	.72	—	.18	—	.03	—	—
8, ...	—	—	—	.21	—	.01	—	1.78	.26	—	—	—
9, ...	—	—	—	—	1.31	—	—	.42	.50	—	—	.10
10, ...	—	—	—	.02	.05	—	2.88	—	.05	—	—	—
11, ...	—	.01	—	—	—	—	1.06	—	.34	—	—	.02
12, ...	—	.04	—	—	—	—	.05	.03	.39	—	.12	—
13, ...	—	.03	—	—	—	.18	—	—	—	—	—	—
14, ...	—	—	—	.59	.02	1.01	3.04	—	—	—	—	—
15, ...	.45	—	.01	1.44	—	10.07	3.10	—	—	—	—	—
16, ...	.34	—	.03	.05	.14	2.65	10.38	—	—	—	.08	—

Table I,—*Continued.*

Date	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch	inch
17, ...	.70	—	—	—	1.03	.47	.65	.17	.38	—	.07	—
18, ...	.33	.10	.01	—	—	.01	1.52	.01	3.07	—	.03	—
19, ...	.01	—	.06	.01	.11	—	—	.74	.20	.13	.07	—
20, ...	—	—	1.13	—	—	.06	—	.01	.09	—	—	—
21, ...	—	—	.30	—	—	1.77	—	—	—	—	—	—
22, ...	—	—	1.76	—	.02	1.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
23, ...	—	.01	.57	—	.01	2.32	—	.70	.01	—	.22	—
24, ...	—	.19	.23	—	.20	.61	—	—	—	—	—	—
25, ...	—	.04	.09	—	.15	.54	.05	—	—	—	.60	—
26, ...	—	—	2.73	.01	.01	.28	—	—	1.13	—	—	—
27, ...	.56	—	.28	.01	—	.23	—	—	—	—	—	—
28, ...	.72	.01	.22	.04	.05	.13	—	—	.60	—	—	—
29, ...	1.27	—	.21	.02	—	.24	—	.20	2.95	—	—	—
30, ...	—	—	.20	.06	.07	.06	—	.71	.06	—	—	.17
31, ...	—	—	.55	—	.02	—	.02	.83	—	—	—	—

Rainfall for First Quarter 13.71 inches on 36 days; for Second Quarter 36.22 inches on 56 days; for Third Quarter 40.11 inches on 46 days; and for Fourth Quarter 5.24 inches on 16 days. Total for the year 95.28 inches. Average for the last ten years at the Botanic Gardens—97.40 inches.

Total rainfall registered at the Hongkong Observatory for the year—87.58 inches.

Table II.

FOREST GUARD SERVICE OFFENCES.

Village or District.	Block.	Compartment.	REPORT OF:— Pine tree stealing.	Pine tree branch stealing.	Pine tree needle stealing.	Barking Pine trees.	Brush-wood stealing.	Grass cutting.	Fern stealing.	Wild flower stealing.	Cattle grazing in plantation.	Setting fire to plantation.	Trespassing upon plantation.	Exacting stone.	Offering bribe to Forest Guard.	Assault on Forest Guard.
Victoria	1	A.B.G.	6	1	—	—	9	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wongneichung	2	A.B.C.D.E.F.G.	11	2	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Shaukiwan	3	A.B.C.D.E.F.	23	3	—	—	42	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Tytam	4	C.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stanley	5	B.D.F.	4	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aberdeen	6	A.B.C.D.	11	1	—	—	13	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pokfulam	7	A.B.D.E.F.G.	7	4	—	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Kowloon	8	A.B.C.	6	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Harbour Belt	9	A.B.C.D.E.	105	49	—	—	23	—	2	4	3	—	5	—	—	2
Cheungshawan	10		14	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Kang Hau	11		2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Territories	12		4	1	1	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Total for 1925.....			196	70	1	—	124	3	3	16	5	1	10	1	1	2
Total for 1924.....			166	83	—	2	34	10	—	13	5	—	17	—	—	19

Table III.

POLICE COURT RESULTS.

Case.	*1925.*	*1924.*
50 cents to $1 fine	3	12
$1.50 ,, $2 ,,	12	36
$2.50 ,, $3 ,,	7	41
$4 ,, $5 ,,	30	66
$6 ,, $10 ,,	87	27
$11 ,, $15 ,,	9	3
$16 ,, $20 ,,	2	1
$21 ,, $25 ,,	10	4
$48 fine	1	19
$50 ,,	—	2
$60 ,,	—	1
$100 ,,	1	1
1 to 4 days' imprisonment	7	19
5 ,, 7 ,, ,,	33	77
8 ,, 14 ,, ,,	80	63
3 weeks' ,,	27	3
4 ,, ,,	11	3
6 ,, ,,	12	1
1 month's ,,	40	—
2 months' ,,	3	4
3 ,, ,,	1	—
Discharges	5	18
Cautions	23	17
Forefeiture of Bail	22	40
Received Strokes	7	6
Personal Bond	—	2
Case dismissed	—	1
Withdrawn	—	1
	433	449

Table IV.

REVENUE.

Revenue.	*1925.* $ c.	*1924.* $ c.
Timber Sales	3,223.00	5,951.43
Sale of Plants	538.59	1,598.74
Loan of Plants	405.84	570.12
Forestry Licences	4,307.51	3,365.31
Inspection of Nursery Stock	1,245.00	1,495.00
Sale of Condemned Stores	8.50	—
Interest on Current Accounts	18.10	10.99
Forfeiture	—	25.00
Fine Fund	60.41	22.20
Total, ...	9,806.95	13,038.79

Table V.

Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Years 1916-1925.

Year	Total Expenditure. $	Total Revenue. $	% of Revenue to Expenditure.
1916	47,325.89	6,871.67	14.86
1917	51,253.82	7,294.49	14.23
1918	51,967.08	6,282.45	12.09
1919	51,457.65	8,307.77	16.16
1920	55,975.49	8,547.76	15.27
1921	61,428.11	10,657.86	17.35
1922	71,223.47	12,464.32	17.50
1923	77,157.40	15,848.76	20.54
1924	86,516.80	13,038.79	15.07
1925	96,371.63	9,806.95	10.18